Cigaret-Cancer Warning Goes Up In Smoke Here

They Don't Scare Easily

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Cigaret smokers, like cranberry gourmets, don't scare easily!

The latest warning of the U.S. Public Health Service implicating smoking as the main cause of the rising rate of lung cancer has been taken with a carload of grains of salt by cigaret addicts here, a Man-on-the-Street survey by the News indicated today.

A pretty red-haired bar maid, Evelyn Reimold, 624 NE 5th Ave., expressed her feelings this way:

"Doctors smoke, why shouldn't I?

"They're still eating cranberries," she added, referring to the recent cranberry cancer scare.

EVELYN REIMOLD
. . . why shouldn't I?

"I like filter tips better," she said.

R. S. Tichenor, 63, 370 SE 2nd St., who has smoked since he was 17 years old, straddled the fence on the cancer scare issue.

"Cigarets haven't hurt me, but they haven't done me any good," he said.

"These warnings have about convinced me I ought to quit smoking. That's if I can," he smiled.

"Yeah, I think I'll try to quit," he added, lighting a cigaret as he talked.

HE'S NOT SCARED

Burly Wallace Dutton, 1300 Rd. 84, a truck driver, looking as healthy as Charles Atlas, is going to keep right on inhaling a couple of packs of fags a day.

"I feel great. Why should I give up cigarets?"

Dutton said he first acquired the habit when I had to hide behind a barn so "ma wouldn't catch me and tar me you know where."

Statuesque Vera Gray, 6100 SW 41st Pl., a hair coloring technician, was one of the few questioned who has been "convinced" cigarets do cause lung cancer.

"I'm convinced," she said. "I'm thinking seriously about quitting."

Vera said she smoked filter tip cigarets because she was led to believe they cut down on the danger of lung cancer.

Cancer or no cancer, Thomas Booth, 108 SE 19th St., a taxi driver, will continue to smoke cigarets.

"These warnings definitely have not changed my opinion on smoking," he said. "I've been smoking for 35 years and it hasn't affected my health."

"I'm through being worried about the whole deal," John Jamess, 2311 SW 43rd Way, declared. He smokes two and one-half packs of cigarets a day to relieve the monotony of his job in a downtown tavern.

"I started out smoking filter tip cigarets because I couldn't stand them. I thought this would cut down on the number I smoked a day.

"Now, I'm used to filter tips and I smoke just as much as I ever did."

The public has spoken. Say, pal, can I bum a smoke?

"I was breathing when I first puffed on a cigaret. I'm still breathing. Why should I worry?" chuckled husky Stanley Keeler, 435½ S Atlantic Blvd., a visitor here from Winston-Salem, N.C.

"I think they're trying to sabotage our best industry," the North Carolinian joked.

Mrs. Elizabeth Barbour, 1621 NE 44th St., Pompano Beach, a housewife, who heard of the latest in a series of cigaret cancer warnings over the radio last night, summed up her feelings this way:

"The warning doesn't affect me in the least. I'll smoke until I die."

She added she realized filter tip cigarets do not reduce the hazard of lung cancer.

WALLACE DUTTON
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VERA GRAY
. . . I am convinced

R. S. TICHENOR
. . . about convinced

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